

# N. L. G. Honors Jersey Writers



Ed Reiter (left) has been named best writer in both Coin Mart Magazine and Numismatic News Weekly; last year he won the award for Coin Mart alone. Dr. John Muscalus (center) and Chuck O'Donnell both have been cited—as they were last year—for their work in the Bank Note Reporter, Muscalus as best writer and O'Donnell as best columnist, and Harold Flarkey (not pictured) best writer in newspapers with circulations of less than 100,000 by the Numismatic Literary Guild.

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## Report of Nominations Of Officers for GSNA

The following nominations have been received from the general membership. All nominees have been notified and have accepted the nomination.

Position	Nominee
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Corr. Secretary ..	Archie A. Black

Since all nominee positions are running unopposed, there will not

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Hobby writers from the Garden State have been reaping a rich harvest of awards from the prestigious Numismatic Literary Guild.

The NLG is an organization made up of more than 200 hobbyists from throughout the world who write professionally about numismatics. It honors its members' outstanding achievements once a year, at the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association—and in recent years, New Jerseyans have captured a substantial share of the awards.

Four of the biggest winners are members of the Garden State Numismatic Association.

Ed Reiter, life member number 2 of the GSNA, has won the coveted Numismatic Literary Award three consecutive years for his weekly coin column in the Asbury Park Press. In 1976, the award was renamed in honor of the late Maurice Gould, a nationally known hobby writer who also was a former winner.

Reiter's column was judged to be best in the nation in 1974, '75 and '76 among newspapers with circulations exceeding 100,000. He is the only three-time winner of the award, which is co-sponsored by the NLG and the Medalllic Art Co. of Danbury, Conn.

Chuck O'Donnell, GSNA member #33, has been cited by the NLG in each of the last two years as best writer in The Banknote Reporter. O'Donnell is known to paper money collectors throughout the world not only for his work in that publication, but also for his highly respected "Standard Handbook of Modern United States Paper Money," now nearing its sixth edition.

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# President's Report

With the start of a new year, I wish everyone success and good health and I am also hoping that "numismatically" we have a fabulous 1977.

I would like to apologize for the delay of the last issue of the N.J.N.J. While waiting for some pictures to be developed at the photographer they were lost in a fire at the shop. Because of this, the Journal had to be rearranged.

Now, for some happy news. Our secretary, John Graves, has reported to me that nominations were closed on January 15, 1977 and the response from the membership was excellent. We will have an election later this year.

In February, all members will be receiving a calendar from the Association listing all member club meetings and all G.S.N.A. events. To my knowledge we are the first numismatic group who is issuing such a calendar to its membership. This is just another service that G.S.N.A. will be providing to all its members.

Plans are now being formulated for our 2nd Annual Convention which will be held again at the Cherry Hill Hyatt House on August 5, 6, and 7, 1977. John Harris has agreed to take on the job as General Show Chairman this year. As with any show of this size we need workers. Please contact John at P.O. Box 521, Asbury Park, N.J., to donate your time for a successful show. The host club for this year's convention was awarded to the Currency Club of Chester County (CM #21). They will also provide a program for this show.

If you have any questions pertaining to G.S.N.A. or A.N.A., please contact me at P.O. Box 293, Franklin, N.J., 07416.

Numismatically yours,

WILLIAM H. HORTON, JR.  
President

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be ballots made. The Secretary will cast one ballot and the officers will be installed at the 2nd Annual Convention in accordance with the G.S.N.A. By-Laws.

### NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC JOURNAL

*is the quarterly publication of the*  
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Correspondence about the association should be sent to Archie Black, Box 63, Bricktown 08723.

Correspondence about the journal should be sent to John H. Harris, NJNJ Editor and Business Manager, P. O. Box 521, Asbury Park, N.J. 07712.

Those wishing to advertise in the New Jersey Numismatic Journal must furnish advertising copy. The NJNJ will not provide a checking copy, but a copy of the issue in which the ad appears will be sent to each advertiser as proof of publication.

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## GSNA Club News

This feature will appear in subsequent issues of the NJNJ to report on the activities and programs undertaken by GSNA's member clubs during the months preceding each issue of the NJNJ.

### Union County Coin Club #003

The Union County Coin Club, #003 which was chartered in 1960, is pleased to announce that it has moved to a larger, air-conditioned meeting hall; which is Farcher's Grove, Springfield Road, Union, N.J.

The new location is close to all shopping centers, has ample free parking, and is centrally located for all our tri-state members.

The Union County Coin Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each and every month, doors open at 7 P.M. Our first meeting at our new home is Tuesday, January 25, 1977.

Bert Shiffman was reelected President of our club, and Tom Sarro was elected Vice-president. Tom Sarro is also Chairman of the Club Show Committee. Our annual Club Show is being held this year at Farcher's Grove on May 15, 1977.

### Ocean County Coin Club #004

Francis Sanders was scheduled to give his lecture and demonstration of "Counterfeits and Detection of Fakes" at the February meeting. This educational meeting had to be cancelled due to the natural gas crisis, coupled with the fact that a group using our meeting place the night before, neglected to close the door to the hall and as a result the pipes in the building froze. We hope the damage is not severe as places to meet are becoming quite scarce and/or expensive. Mr. Sanders' talk will be rescheduled as soon as possible. If there is any G.S.N.A. member that does not belong to the Ocean County Coin Club but is interested in attending Sandy's lecture and demonstration, if you will send us your name and address we will send you a postcard and (continued on page 14)

# G.S.N.A.

## Membership Report

The Executive Board extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

**Regular Members**

R-0179 D. L. Bunn  
 R-0180 J. H. Weidemann  
 R-0181 L. N. Carroll  
 R-0182 J. Cairns  
 R-0183 L. S. Levine  
 R-0184 Harold Flarley  
 R-0185 Paul S. Haynie  
 R-0186 Patrick R. O'Brien  
 R-0187 James Cicik  
 R-0188 Eugene Meletta

**Life Members**

LM-028 Ed Smith

**Club Members**

**Atlantic County Coin Club #028**

## NLG Honors Jersey Writers

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Dr. John A. Muscalus, GSNA member #39, also has won NLG honors two years in a row for his work in The Banknote Reporter. While O'Donnell was taking awards as best writer, Muscalus was joining him in the lime-light each time as the Reporter's best columnist. Muscalus is familiar to hobbyists as the author of numerous research papers on numismatic subjects—many of which he publishes and markets himself.

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## GSNA Member Clubs

**Middlesex County Coin Club #001**

1709 Lawrence St.  
 Rahway, N.J. 07095  
 Meets 3rd Thursday  
 Landmark Inn  
 Woodbridge, N.J.

**Hazlet Coin Club, #002**

P.O. Box 125  
 Hazlet, N.J. 07730  
 Meets 4th Monday 8 p.m.  
 Veterans Pk. Recreational Bldg.  
 Union Ave.,  
 Hazlet, N.J.

**Union County Coin Club, #003**

25 River Rd., Apt. 14A  
 Nutley, N.J. 07110  
 Meets 4th Tuesday  
 Farcher's Grove  
 Springfield Rd.  
 Union, N.J.

**Ocean County Coin Club, #004**

P.O. Box 248  
 Bricktown, N.J. 08723  
 Meets 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m.  
 Firemans Memorial Building  
 Hwy. 88 & Memorial Parkway  
 Point Pleasant, N.J.

**Monmouth County Coin Club, Inc., #005**

91 Park Ave.  
 Keansburg, N.J. 07734  
 Meets 3rd Monday 8 p.m.  
 American Legion Post  
 Bridge Ave.  
 Red Bank, N.J.

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**Old Bridge Coin & Stamp Club, #006**

19 Deerfield Rd.  
 East Brunswick, N.J. 08816  
 Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
 Hill Lanes Bowling Alley  
 U.S. Hwy. #9  
 South Amboy, N.J.

**Israel Numismatic Society of N.J. #007**

Box 44 Town Center  
 West Orange, N.J. 07052  
 Meets 4th Tuesday  
 Congregation B'nai Jeshurum  
 Short Hills, N.J.

**Israel Numismatic Society of C.J. #008**

P.O. Box 215  
 New Brunswick, N.J. 08903  
 Meets 3rd Monday 8 p.m.  
 YMHA

2 So. Adelaide Ave.  
 Highland Park, N.J.

**Atlantic Coast Stamp & Coin Club #009**

34 Minerva Ave.  
 Manasquan, N.J. 08736  
 Meets 4th Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
 2nd floor, Boro Hall  
 Manasquan, N.J.

**Lyndhurst Coin Assn. #010**

c/o Holiday Inn  
 Lyndhurst, N.J. 07071  
 Meets 4th Sunday  
 Holiday Inn  
 Route 3  
 Lyndhurst, N.J.

**Trenton Numismatic Club, Inc., #012**

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 Trenton, N.J. 08601  
 Meets 1st Monday  
 Potters Hall  
 1949 Hamilton Ave.  
 Trenton, N.J.

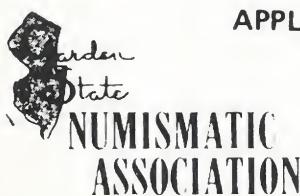
**Wekearny Stamp & Coin Club #013**

Western Electric Co., Inc.  
 100 Central Ave.  
 Kearny, N.J. 07032  
 Meets 3rd Tuesday  
 100 Central Ave.  
 W.E. Club Room  
 Kearny, N.J. (employees only)

**Leisure Village Coin & Medal #014**

246 C Jefferson Court  
 Lakewood, N.J. 08701  
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 Dorchester Hall Clubhouse  
 Lakewood, N.J.

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# Razed New Jersey Home served as State's Mint

By Harold Flarkey, NLG

Carved out of the timberland of Northern New Jersey's rolling hills in 1734 "Solitude" was aptly named. A mile and a quarter from the village of Morristown, which was called West Hanover or New Hanover until 1710, the mansion stood in a clearing with a natural brook and plenty of spring water.

The location became known as Washington Valley in later years. In 1739 a large section of Hunterdon County was declared Morris County in honor of Chief Magistrate, Lewis Morris. Later the northern section of Morris was divided to make Sussex and Warren Counties.

In 1770 Col. John Cleves Symmes acquired the property. An officer in the Third Sussex Battalion, Symmes resigned his post in 1777 to become chief justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Anna Symmes was born in "Solitude" in July, 1776. When she was 19 she married a dashing army Captain William Henry Harrison, son of Benjamin Harrison, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Her husband was destined to become the 9th President of The United States. His term was the shortest in the history of the office. At his inauguration ceremony William Henry Harrison contracted pneu-

monia on March 4, 1841. He died a month later on April 4.

The marriage brought forth six sons, and one of her grandsons became the 23rd president, Benjamin Harrison.

Walter Mould, a machinist and die sinker came to New York from England where he had served an apprenticeship with the Wyons of Birmingham, a family of coiners and medalists for 400 years.

Mould brought with him the tools of his trade and in 1781 he moved into "Solitude," set up shop in the living room and went about petitioning the legislature for a contract to produce coins of copper for the state treasury.

On June 1, 1786, he and Thomas Goadsby and Albion Cox were awarded a contract to produce three million coppers to pass current at 15 to the shilling.

Cox and Goadsby went to Rahway and set up shop in a grist mill and sawmill on the South bank of the Rahway River on what is now St. George's Avenue. Mould, due to a difference of opinion, chose to stay in Morristown and the state granted a change in contract allowing Mould to produce one third of the contract independently.

The contractors were to pay to the state one coin out of each 10 minted, an arrangement that sounded most lucrative, but the facts show that Cox eventually fled to England to avoid debtors prison. Goadsby defaulted and Mathias Ogden, who had put up bond for the Rahway operators, took the machinery and equipment to his home in Elizabethtown where he completed that portion of the contract in a room behind the kitchen.

Mould completed his contract for a million coins in 1787-1788 and fled to Ohio with bill collectors in pursuit.

In 1789, Capt. Benjamin Holloway opened a tavern at "Solitude" which he named "Wheat-sheaf Inn" or "Wheatsheaf Tavern" as it was variously known  
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"Solitude", Walter Mould's historic state Mint building, which subsequently housed a tavern and a residence, was razed in 1969 to make way for a housing development.

# The Numismatic Book Shelf

by SANFORD J. DURST NLG

Starting with this issue of The Journal we are pleased to present a book review column by Sanford J. Durst, attorney and well known author and publisher of Numismatic books. Mr. Durst is a member of numerous numismatic associations and societies including the Royal Numismatic Society (London) and is a life member of Numismatic Literary Guild. He has authored "Contemporary World Gold Coins", "Comprehensive Guide to American Colonial Coinage" and most recently the "Collector/Investor Guidebook", about to appear.

Handling over 500 titles on numismatic subjects as a book dealer gives me the opportunity to handle some really good books, and some bad ones also!! To review the everyday books most collectors see in their local coin shop or at a show is in my opinion a waste of valuable space and your time, so I've decided to stick to better quality books. This doesn't mean very expensive books, as the workmanship and ability of the author isn't always offered at a premium. In fact my own publishing policy is to keep book prices at a realistic level so that a collector can afford to build a library. But be prepared for higher book prices in the future, as labor, paper and shipping prices go up.

Think of a purchase of a reference book in terms of an investment. I've found collectors who have purchased coins for hundreds or even thousands of dollars without buying a reference book which cost \$10-12 on the coins' subject category. Obviously this is poor thinking. Knowledge in coin collecting translates to money (no pun intended) in the pocket book!! The dean of the coin book business, Aaron Feldman, who has since passed this way, had a byword "Buy the Book Before the Coin". Good advice, in his time and our own.

Publishers in Europe, incidentally, put out some good books on foreign and ancient numismatics at realistic prices. The authors there are generally scholars in a more traditional sense, often producing in-depth studies which offer background information most valuable to the collector. The writers of books on U.S. coins in the mid to late 1800's did the same and now there is a trend

back to that. But there's a big gap of time in the early to mid 1900's where little of value was produced. ON TO THE BOOKS!!

U.S. coin collectors should consider "Encyclopedia of U.S. Coins" by Don Taxay. Mr. Taxay is a scholar and put together a well organized book. It was revised last year by Joseph Rose and Howard Hazelcorn. Joe is the president of the prestigious Harmer Rooke Numismatics Ltd. in New York and probably sees more numismatic coins in a week than the average collector sees in a year. The knowledge these new editors have added to the book is significant. The book is well organized, cross referenced, and has sections on all U.S. denominations, includes patterns and other important historical data. It's full sized 7" x 9" 450 pages, well illustrated and has values in 4 conditions. Far superior to the Redbook which in my opinion is little more than a current checklist. The "Encyclopedia of U.S. Coins" retails for \$15.00. It's worth it!!

Collectors residing in the U.S. will be interested (my reviewers tell me!!) in a book I've authored. As an attorney I've run into a myriad of problems over the years in what I call the "grey areas" of collecting. Many things collectors know exist, but have little or no knowledge of including for example: Estate, gift, and capital gains taxes, wills, insurance, safekeeping, appraisals, authentication, customs problems, using coins in retirement funds to save on taxes, etc. The book also includes inventory forms to assist the collector in keeping track of a coin, medal or paper money collection. The price: \$14.95. It's designed to save you far more than that!! A hardcovered book 7" x 10" 128 pages, it's available from my office directly. Should be out a few weeks after this article appears.

Ancient Coin Collectors will be delighted with a new 40 page paperback "Handbook of Biblical Numismatics" by Mel Wacks. Mel is a student of early Judaic coins and has covered the subject from "Abraham to the Cru-

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## GSNA Member Clubs

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### Summit Coin Club #015

Meets 2nd Monday  
Edison Recreation Center  
100 Morris Ave.  
Summit, N.J. 07928

### South Jersey Coin Club #016

311 South 4th Street  
Millville, N.J. 08332  
Meets 2nd Tuesday 8 p.m.  
Wheaton Plaza Branch  
Millville Bank  
Also 8 p.m. 4th Tuesday  
St. Andrews Church  
Bridgeton, N.J.

### The Newark Museum #017

49 Washington St.  
Newark, N.J. 07101  
(Research Projects)

### Hunterdon Coin Club #018

P.O. Box 472  
Flemington, N.J. 08822  
Meets 3rd Tuesday  
Moose Hall  
Barley Sheaf Rd.  
Flemington, N.J.

### Plainfield Area Coin Club #019

P.O. Box 66  
Dunellen, N.J. 08812  
Meets 4th Monday 8 p.m.  
Rescue Squad, Main St.  
Dunellen, N.J.

### Fairlawn Coin Club #020

P.O. Box 113  
Hawthorne, N.J. 07506  
Meets 1st & 3rd Weds., 8 p.m.  
High School Cafeteria  
Berdan Ave., Fairlawn, N.J.

### Currency Club of Chester County, Pa. #021

633 North Church St.  
West Chester, Pa.  
Meets 4th Thursday 8 p.m.  
Chester County Federal Savings  
& Loan  
Corner of High & Market St.  
West Chester, Pa.

### Passaic County Numismatic Club #022

P.O. Box 180  
Clifton, N.J. 07015  
Meets 1st Wednesday  
Johnny's Banquet Hall  
110 Ackerman Ave.  
Clifton, N.J.

### So. Plainfield Coin Club #023

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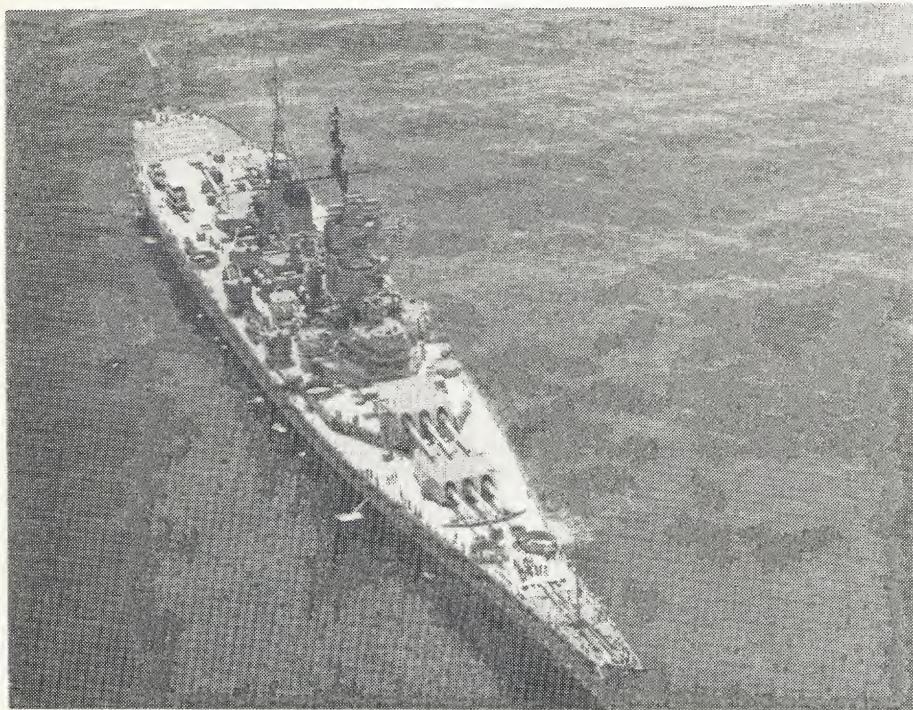
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# Battleship New Jersey Counter Stamp on Cent



*EDITOR'S NOTE: Our thanks to Harold Flarley, Richard E. Harpster and the Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum Society for supplying us with this information and pictures.*

The most experienced and decorated battleship in existence, the New Jersey (BB-62) slid down the ways at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on December 7, 1942—one year after the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor.

Mrs. Charles Edison, wife of the former governor, smashed a bottle of champagne across her bow. It was commissioned several months later and sailed for the Pacific early in 1944.

The New Jersey (BB-62) was the first battleship in American history summoned to serve in three wars. It served as flagship for the Pacific Fleet under Adm. "Bull" Halsey in WWII, is 887 ft. long with a 108 ft. beam; it weighs 45,000 tons and it draws 32 feet of water. The main batteries consist of nine 16 inch rifles, mounted three to a turret, two forward, one aft, which were capable of hurling 2,700 lbs. each to a pin-point target 23 miles distant. The ship contains support fire power of more than 100 guns. The original crew was 2,700 men but during the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts she was streamlined so that her comple-

ment has been reduced to 1,500. The battleship participated in 26 major campaigns during the three wars—WWII, Korea and Viet Nam—receiving 13 battle stars and 7 foreign and Presidential unit citations.

This history deserves to be preserved and remembered—not only for the part she played in its making but as a living dedication; the embodiment to stand as proof of our way of life. As a memorial to those who made the supreme sacrifice it will be the state's most awe-inspiring monument.

The Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum Society was incorporated October 13, 1975 with 18 members as a non-profit organization dedicated to the return of the Battleship New Jersey (BB-62) from mothballs in Bremerton, Washington, some 300 miles away, to a place of honor and respect within the state of New Jersey as a memorial to those who helped preserve our way of peace, as a museum to house naval artifacts and sea lore for the education of future generations and as a training facility of unlimited resources. The organization petitioned Governor Brendan Byrne of New Jersey to appoint a nine man commission to study the feasibility of

bringing the mighty dreadnaught home.

Governor Brendan Byrne declared the week of March 14, 1976 as Battleship New Jersey Week and at that time appointed the Battleship New Jersey Commission, a nine-man body formed to pursue the feasibility of return and the selection of a site for permanent anchorage of the ship, as a result of SJR 3010, the authorizing bill passed in the New Jersey Senate and Assembly in 1975-76. This Commission will be responsible for the Recommendation of Legislation requesting the ship for the U.S. Navy and will serve as the Policy Board for the operation of the Memorial/Museum Facility.

The idea is not unique; four other states have already brought their namesake ships home, restored them and turned them into educational tourist attractions. Massachusetts, Texas, North Carolina and Alabama have money-making attractions and the New Jersey is being eagerly sought by several cities on the famous Jersey shore.

Victor E. Dahn, a member of the nine-man commission and creator of the USS New Jersey Battleship Historical Museum Society, said this week that the only thing that prevents the battleship from being returned now is money, as there are no federal or state funds available.

Harold Flarley, G.S.N.A. member and veteran numismatic writer, conceived the idea of striking the ship's replica on coins to raise funds. The result is a medallion with a silhouette of the ship counter-stamped on a U.S. Lincoln cent dated 1976. The legend reads, "Battleship New Jersey and BB-62" (the ship's number) plus the slogan, "Bring Me Home". This cent is available in regular and elongated.

Although a state-wide poll showed 74 percent of the people desire its return, apathy still runs high. There is also a battle being waged over whether the New Jersey would be kept at Sandy Hook, in the Gateway National Park or at Atlantic City.

Dahn says the commission prefers the Sandy Hook location, but  
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G.S.N.A. Life Member #1. Founder and currently acting President. Past President of the Monmouth County Coin Club, 1974-1975 and the Hazlet Coin Club, 1976; Past Vice-President of the Monmouth County Coin Club, 1973 and the Hazlet Coin Club, 1975; A.N.A. Club Representative for the Middlesex County Coin Club and the Hazlet Coin Club; appointed A.N.A. District Representative in 1976.

Born in Newark, New Jersey in 1951, moved to Matawan in 1955 and stayed there until moving to Franklin in 1976. Currently working as Superintendent of the Board of Public Works of the Borough of Franklin. Married in 1974.

Began collecting coins in 1966 and switched to paper money in 1969. Has exhibited several collections in national, regional, state and local shows and conventions since 1972 and has won over 50 awards. Holds memberships in the following clubs: American Numismatic Association, Great Eastern Numismatic Association, Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association, Society of Paper Money Collectors, Currency Club of Chester County, Monmouth County Coin Club, Hazlet Coin Club, Middlesex County Coin Club, Ocean County Coin Club and the Trenton Numismatic Club.



**JOHN H. HARRIS**

1st Vice President

A native of Muskogee, Oklahoma and for the past 30 years, has made New Jersey his home. Retired in 1972 after more than 26 years of Federal Government service. He is married and has five living children. Life Member of American Numismatic Association LM 1104, Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association LM 3, Great Eastern Numismatic Association LM 81, Garden State Numismatic LM 5, and Monmouth County Coin Club LM 2.

Other organizations with which he holds regular membership are: Organization of International Numismatic, Token and Medal Society, American Israel Numismatic Association, The American Negro Commemorative Society, Franklin Mint Collectors Society, Cherry Hill Stamp and Coin Club, Ocean County Coin Club, Trenton Numismatic Club, and Numismatic Association of Metropolitan Philadelphia.

John has been a collector of U.S. coins and anti-slavery tokens and medals for more than 20 years. He has lectured and exhibited in three countries and ten states on U.S. coins and anti-slavery tokens. He has received numerous awards for his presentations.

He has served as Acting 1st Vice President of G.S.N.A. since its organization. He is Editor and Business Manager of N.J.N.J. and General Show Chairman for the G.S.N.A. Annual Show. He is presently serving as American Numismatic Association District Representative for the State of New Jersey, a position he has held since 1973. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association since 1972, and has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of Numismatic Association of Metropolitan Philadelphia. He is also Youth Representative for A.N.A.



**ROBERT A. BASSELL**

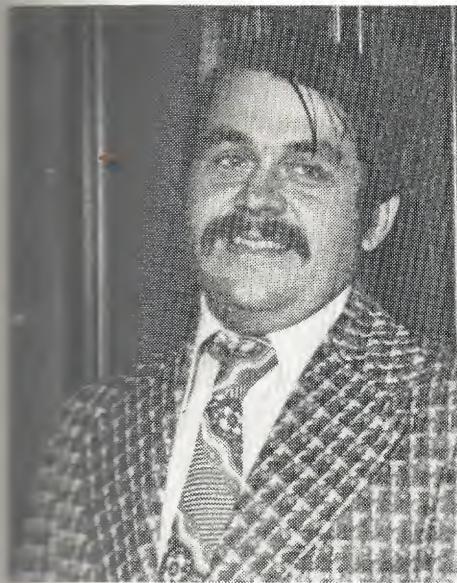
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Born in New York City—grew up in Syracuse, N.Y. Graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. Enlisted in the Army prior to WWII “to get his year over with.” Saw service with Tank Destroyer Battalion—Commissioned in the Signal Corps and separated as a Captain. Joined a major electronics concern as a salesman of electronic components to equipment manufacturers. Progressed from District Sales Manager to Product Marketing Manager. Was transferred to Sao Paulo, Brazil, as Division General Manager. Returned to the United States and joined another electronics company as Vice President of a manufacturing operation in Taiwan. Completed Graduate School during all this time, specializing in Sales Management & Marketing.

Bob is married, with two grown daughters and two small granddaughters. He's currently working as a Realtor in Monmouth County, at the Jersey Shore. Started collecting U.S. coins while a salesman on the road—“when silver coins were circulating”. Currently interested in both U.S. and some foreign. As a profitable hobby—manufactures cut-out coin jewelry.

Bob is currently a member of

# OFFICERS



**JOHN E. GRAVES**

Secretary

Mr. Graves was born on Dec. 3, 1948 in Logan, West Virginia. He is married and has 1 child and lives in Matawan, N. J. He works for Bell Telephone Laboratories in Holmdel, N. J. as a draftsman. He started collecting coins in 1969 and specializes in Civil War related material. He has served as an officer in the Monmouth Coin Club since 1974 (Secretary, 1974; 3rd Vice President, 1975; 2nd Vice President, 1976; and 1st Vice President, 1977). He has served in the Hazlet Coin Club as Vice President in 1975 and is presently President. He has also been an active member of G.S.N.A. since its formation in 1975. He is a member of A.N.A., C.W.T.S., T.A.M.S. and G.S.N.A. as well as a number of local clubs.



**ARCHIE A. BLACK**

Corresponding Secretary

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey. Lifelong resident of New Jersey. Grew up on the Jersey shore, living in Highlands and Middletown as a youth, moving to Bricktown following graduation from Middletown Township High School. Archie, 38 years old, is married to the former Brenda Marshall, and has 3 children, Gary 17, Ken 15 and Nancy 7. Mr. Black is employed with New Jersey Bell Telephone Company as an Installer and will have 20 years service in March. He is currently serving as the General Delegate of Local 827, Telephone Workers Union of N.J., Monmouth-Ocean Unit #8, and is also the Delegate of the Installation Craft, Toms River District, Monmouth-Ocean #8.

Among his New Jersey club activities, Archie is the president of Ocean County Coin Club (Point Pleasant) and the President of the Atlantic Coast Stamp & Coin Club (Manasquan). He is a member of A.N.A., is member #49 of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, holds membership #31 of the Bust Half Nut Club and is Life Member #3 of G.S.N.A. He is one of G.S.N.A.'s original founders, serving as Corresponding Secretary since the organization's birth. Has been a past member of several Central Jersey Clubs, and specializes in Bust Half Dollars by Overton die varieties.



**CHARLES J. BERG III**

Treasurer

Mr. Berg has been serving as Treasurer of G.S.N.A. since January 1976. He is Past President of both the Monmouth County Coin Club (1973) and the Ocean County Coin Club (1975), and is a member of the Union County and Middlesex County Clubs, as well as the Dearborn (Mich.) Coin Club. He is a member of the American Numismatic Association and a Life Member of G.S.N.A. His talks on "Morgan Dollars," "Ten Tips for Coin Collectors", and "Coin Grading" have been presented at several clubs as part of the G.S.N.A. Speakers' Bureau Program.

Born in Englewood, N. J., Mr. Berg attended grammar school in Westfield, N. J. and is a graduate of Mount Lebanon (Pa.) High School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Mr. Berg is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of CPA's. He was formerly associated with Price Waterhouse & Co. and is presently on the corporate staff of a major multinational corporation headquartered in New York City.

Monmouth County Coin Club, Treasurer of Atlantic Coast Stamp & Coin Club, and Treasurer of Ocean County Coin Club. Was active in the formation of GSNA, holds Membership Card R-001 and is currently 2nd Vice President.

# NUMISMATIC EVEN



JAMES A. CONLON, Director of the Bureau, speaking to the Currency Club of Chester County at a special meeting at the A.N.A. Convention.



MONMOUTH COUNTY COIN CLUB elects Officers for 1977. Seated from left to right: Tony DeFillipo, Treasurer; John Graves, First Vice President; Carley Garofalo, President. Standing (left to right) William Brisley, Third Vice President; Joseph Clay, Second Vice President. Missing from picture is George Dollinger, Secretary.

# ITS IN NEW JERSEY



LEFT TO RIGHT: John H. Harris, President of Monmouth County Coin Club, Ed Smith, Best of Show, Senior Division; Greg Jehlik, Best of Show, Junior Division; and William H. Horton, Show Chairman of Monmouth County 16th Annual Show.



Medlet struck over a U.S. Cent is part of a fund-raising program to return the battleship New Jersey back to its namesake state.

# GSNA CLUB NEWS

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nouncing the new date. As the club Secretary, Jerry Zara, announced in our newsletter, "TO MISS THIS DEMONSTRATION IS YOUR LOSS—NOT OURS".

## Monmouth County Coin Club #005

Carley Garofalo, newly elected President of the Monmouth County Coin Club, announced that the Club will be re-organized this year and that the officers are already initiating a 7-point program to stimulate new membership growth.

Briefly the 7-point program is:

1. A larger membership with more dealers.
2. Informative and interesting programs.
3. A bulletin to be published 3 or 4 times a year.
4. More social and family gatherings.
5. A two-day Coin Show in October.
6. A larger coin auction with better grade coins.
7. Business meetings to be as brief as possible.

The Officers plan to encourage more participation by the general membership in the club activities. Mr. Garofalo said one way to get the people involved is to present brief business meetings with informative and educational programs at each meeting.

Beginning in February, there will be a speaker presenting new ideas on "Displaying and Exhibiting of Coins". Each month there will be a different topic by a guest speaker relating to numismatics.

## Israel Numismatic Society of C. J. #008

For our January meeting, a band of hearty coin collectors braved sub-freezing temperatures and chill winds to attend. Louis Zisholz read the minutes in his own inimitable style. George Evers disclosed that we had a total of \$6,367.23 in the bank but a goodly portion of that has to go to AINA for our Operation Jonathan medal order.

The club is accepting orders for the new Pidyon-Haben coins and we are delivering the 'special offer' P-15 1949 50 Pruta

with pearl. Our rather small supply of P15s is going rather quickly so don't hesitate getting your order in before you're shut out.

We have on hand a small supply of the new 5 agorot for distribution to our younger members. These coins are a gift from Diane Colton of the INS of Michigan. We wish to thank Diane for her most generous gift. Diane could use some 1974 10 agorots in order to complete year sets for INS Michigan juniors. Is there anyone out there who can help?

Our program was an Eric Baelen Numismaquiz.

Exhibition and commentary brought out a number of interesting displays. Len Axelrod had a 1975 10 franc French coin valued at about \$2 that has a gold like appearance. David Paszamanit exhibited the 1949 50 pruta with pearl that the club is selling. Carl Rosenblum showed us a German made currency album that securely displays both sides of a banknote. Bob Schonwalter had a pair of economical ancients; one of them was an Arabic medieval coin issued about 700-750 C.E. The other one was a holed coin of Herod the Great. This coin had an eagle on one side and a cornucopia on the other. This was the only coin issued by a Jewish king in Jerusalem that had a graven image on it. As a sidelight Bob added that Herod had a golden eagle placed above the Temple in Jerusalem. The Jews revolted at this and as usual it ended in a massacre. A coin commemorating the Battle of Marathon, alleged to be the first commemorative ever issued, was brought in by Ken Morse. Ken also had with him a Babylonian coin issued under Alexander. Andy Rosenblum showed us a 1958 Israel Menorah commemorative that had been polished to give it the appearance of a proof. Andy also displayed a U.S. gold commemorative set.

The club wishes a Mazel-Tov to Bessie Greenberg, grandmother of Seth Gerstein and his parents Marilyn and Maurice Gerstein on the occasion of Seth's Bar Mitzvah.

Raffle winners tonight were:  
3rd prize—Max Savitsky; 2nd

prize—Pauline Gelb and 1st prize Irv Luftman.

Thanks again to Susan and Jon Mandell for the delicious refreshments.

## Atlantic Coast Stamp & Coin Club #009

Mrs. Helen Stringham, long time Secretary of the club, was recently honored by the membership with a beautifully engraved plaque, recognizing her long outstanding service to the club over many past years. Club President, Archie Black, presented the appreciation award to Mrs. Stringham at the club's annual meeting in January, following Mrs. Stringham's return from Texas where she was recuperating from an illness which forced her resignation. The club will certainly miss her services.

## The Currency Club of Chester County C #021

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Koernig and the secretary read the minutes of the December meeting. They were accepted as read.

There were 21 members in attendance with 3 excused absences (Joyce Aspen, Joe Lynch and Lois Morsello).

Under communications Dr. Aspen discussed the currency frames given to the Southeast National Bank in perpetuation; a letter from George Hackney regarding Label Sets; a letter from Albert Beth regarding grading and a communication from The Garden State Numismatic Association advised us that we would be in charge of the Annual Show's program.

Under old business, the program for the G.S.N.A. Show in August was further discussed.

The meeting room at the A.N.A. meeting in Atlanta was further discussed and it was advised that the secretary firm up its availability. It was agreed that Saturday, August 27th would be ideal.

President Koernig discussed his committee for the A.N.A. exhibit and showed a sample case featuring the Naramore counterfeit detector. A committee of the president, together with Steve Taylor and Ray Jones (continued on page 15)

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will formulate a three-case non competitive exhibit and send in the appropriate forms to the A.N.A. It was further agreed that the club would pay for any associated costs regarding the completion of the exhibit.

Under new business the G.S.N.A. Questionnaire was completed and mailed.

Chuck O'Donnell next discussed a possible trip to the U.S. Mint for dinner and a final look at the Elisberg Collection. Dr. Aspen is to contact Nick Theodore and obtain more information so that it can be reported at the next meeting. It was felt that the ideal month would be May.

Chuck O'Donnell next discussed the probability of the new series of FRN's being titled Series 1977 with W. Michael Blumenthal and ???? as the signature combination.

Al Burke, A.N.A. 84640, nominated Chuck O'Donnell as a Director of the A.N.A. This was seconded by Ray Jones, A.N.A. 63065, and it was unanimously carried by the Club. All members were urged to take similar action on an individual basis. If they are not members of the A.N.A. they should give consideration to joining the A.N.A. and using their privilege of voting.

Welcomed as Life Members were Allan Teal, number 20; Steve Taylor, number 21, and Terry Bryan, number 22, along with Vaughn Sekula, number 23.

The treasurer reported that dues were now payable and that only 6 members remained outstanding. It was urged that the 6 members attend the next meeting of The Currency Club of Chester County and get their dues up to date.

Show and Tell was led off by four notes of the 1914 series. These were consecutive notes \$5.00 FRN, Richmond district. Ray had hoped that he was obtaining a cut sheet when he purchased these but unfortunately the notes arose from two different sheets.

Harvey Lee next showed a FRN note of recent vintage without the "In God We Trust" motto.

Al Burke showed the recent popular invert series of 1974, \$1.00 FRN notes.

Dave Rhodes told a delightful story of how he spent Christmas eve and the early hours of Christmas morning at the Post Office at Washington's Crossing obtaining stamp cancellation notes dated the 24th and 25th of December. A follow up of a Christmas Day journey to Washington's Crossing was given by Al Burke, and Harold Beecher.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments following which the program was given by Dr. Aspen entitled Silver Certificates.

The February speaker will be Tom Werner on Grading; March's speaker will be Terry Bryan on Delaware Notes. April's speaker will be Ray Jones on Ration Tokens and hopefully May's meeting will be a trip to the United States Mint with dinner.

## Battleship New Jersey Counter Stamp On Cent

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interests in Atlantic City are fighting to have the famous ship brought there. Dahn contended, however, that the Navy would never permit the ship to be used as a gambling casino, which some of the Atlantic City Proponents desire. He said the same statewide poll favors it being brought to Sandy Hook with Atlantic City placing second.

In addition to Atlantic City, there are efforts being made to berth the ship in Hoboken, Jersey City and Bayonne. Dahn said these sites will be examined by the commission this month.

The Navy has advised the commission it would cost \$1.3 million to tow the New Jersey to the east coast. Private towing operators say it will cost closer to \$500,000. Dahn said the commission is hoping several big oil companies will cooperate and underwrite the entire cost as a Bicentennial goodwill gesture.

Those desiring information or wishing to make contributions may write to:

Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum Society, Box 67, Long Branch, N.J. 07740.

See ad on page 20 for Gift Items and Coins available from Society.

## Razed New Jersey Home Served As State's Mint

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throughout the area. Business flourished for many years on the busy turnpike to Sussex County and New England.

In 1897 Gustave Kissel became the owner of what he called "Wheatsheaf Farm" and in 1905 he added additional rooms on the back of the building.

Edwin S. S. Sunderland, last occupant of the mansion, wrote a history of "Old Wheatsheaf Farm" which was published in 1955. It may be seen at the Morristown Public Library in the reference section.

Sunderland refers to a copper and silver mine on the property some 500 yards west of the house. The "mine" was capped with concrete and served as a reservoir at the time the book was published.

It is not clear if Mould ever worked the mine for copper to make his planchets, but a local silversmith, John Dickerson is said to have used silver from the mine to make shoe buckles, much in demand in his time.

In 1969 the grand old historic mansion fell before the bulldozer in the name of progress. The gateway to the housing development that sprung up where "Solitude" stood for 237 years now proclaims "Wheatsheaf Farms" and nothing remains but a piece of history, a book, some photos of the mansion as it once stood and at the moment it crumbled into the dust of history.

Photo credit goes to Merrill Harvey, local artist, historian and teacher who headed the American Civilization Institute of Morristown. He was the founder of the organization and he led some archaeological digs at the site with students of Fairleigh Dickinson University and the Morris School District.

The horse head, the plow and the shield area all devices taken from The Great Seal of The State of New Jersey which was adopted by the state just 200 years ago.

## **GSNA Member Clubs**

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### **Kent Coin Club #024**

P.O. Box 857  
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at WSFS Bldg.,  
5 East Reed St.,  
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### **Cherry Hill Stamp & Coin Club #025**

P.O. Box 132  
Cherry Hill, N.J.  
Meets 3rd Thurs.  
Community Center  
Cherry Hill, N.J.

### **Israel Numismatic Society of South Jersey #026**

P.O. Box 3258  
Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034  
Meets 1st Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Temple Beth Shalom  
Whitehorse Pike & Green St.  
Haddon Heights, N.J.

### **Garden State Coin Club, #027**

1440 Federal Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19146  
Meets 1st Saturday  
St. Anne's Church Annex  
Westville, N.J.

### **Atlantic County Coin Club #028**

Meets 4th Sunday 2:00 P.M.  
Ventnor Recreational Building  
Atlantic Ave. and Newport  
Ventnor, N.J.

## **The Numismatic Book Shelf**

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sades". The book is orderly, and well illustrated (bronze coins in brown, silver in black for authentic appearance). Translations of legends are provided and collecting tips are sprinkled throughout the text. Realistic values are given with good solid historical background. This book makes the collecting of biblical coins appealing, and understandable, and it's only priced at \$3.95.

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## **NLG Honors Jersey Writers**

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Another New Jersey journalist also has won the Numismatic Literary Award—and again he has done so more than once. Harold Flarley, GSNA member #185, author of a weekly coin column in The Record of Morris County, captured the award in both 1975 and 1976—giving New Jersey two-thirds of the honors each time.

Flarley's column was judged best among newspapers with circulations of less than 100,000. In addition to this category and the one in which Reiter's column won, there also is a third division for syndicated columns.

In addition to winning the Numismatic Literary Award three times, Reiter also has been cited two consecutive years as best writer in Coin Mart, a quarterly magazine distributed by the publishers of COINage Magazine. And in 1976, he was honored, too, as best writer in Numismatic News Weekly—a publication of which he once was editor.

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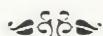
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# CLUB CALENDAR

In an attempt to coordinate show dates for the Coin Clubs in New Jersey, GSNA will publish, in each issue of the NJNJ, the dates of any coin club show. It is hoped that by providing this information, clubs will be better able to plan their show and avoid conflicts with other club shows that have already chosen a date. We urge all clubs, whether GSNA members or not, to cooperate in this long overdue attempt to eliminate bucking each other, by competing for the same interested persons to attend 3 or 4 shows scheduled on the same day. Only your help and cooperation will resolve this annual problem which sometimes causes bad feelings among some of the clubs. Come on clubs, let's get it together in 1977.

February 25-27—Suburban Washington, D.C. Coin Show. Sheraton Inn, Washington-Northeast New Carrollton, Maryland.

February 26—Bergen County Coin Club, 17th Annual Show Bergen. Bergen Mall Auditorium, Paramus, N.J.

March 13—MIDDLESEX COUNTY COIN CLUB (CM #1) 18th Annual Show. Landmark Inn, Routes 1 & 9 Woodbridge, New Jersey.

March 16—G.S.N.A. PUBLIC MEETING. MIDDLESEX COUNTY COIN CLUB, HOST CLUB. Routes 1 & 9 Landmark Inn, Woodbridge, N.J.

March 20—FAIRLAWN COIN CLUB (CM #20) 7th ANNUAL SHOW. Fairlawn Athletic Club, Parmelle & Fairlawn Ave.

March 24-27—New York Metropolitan 21st Convention. Barizon Plaza Hotel, New York City, N.Y.

April 22-24—Texas Numismatic Association 19th Convention. Tarrant County Convention Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

April 29-May 1—Numismatic Association of Metropolitan Philadelphia 4th Annual Convention. Sheraton Hotel, 1725 J. F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa.

May 10—G.S.N.A. PUBLIC MEETING. SOUTH JERSEY COIN CLUB, HOST CLUB. Millville Bank, Wheaton Plaza Branch, Millville, N.J.

May 15—UNION COUNTY COIN CLUB (CM #3) ANNUAL SHOW. Polish National Home, 300 Roselle Ave., Linden, N.J.

August 4-7—GARDEN STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 2nd ANNUAL CONVENTION. CHERRY HILL HYATT HOUSE, ROUTE 70 & CUTHBERT ROAD, CHERRY HILL, N.J.

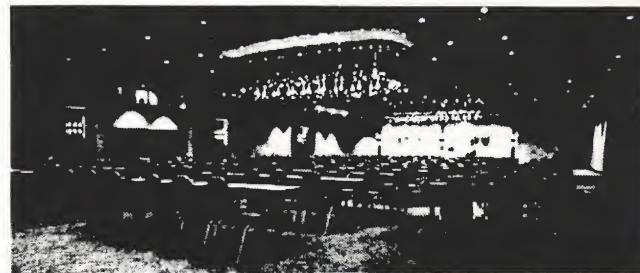
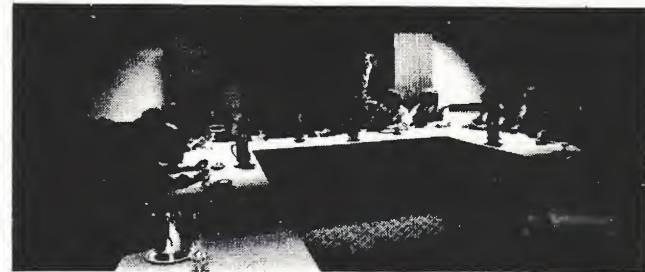
August 23-28—AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 86th CONVENTION. Atlanta Marriott Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

September 25—KENT COIN CLUB (CM #24) 6th ANNUAL SHOW. Sheraton Motor Inn, Dover, Delaware.

October 2—HUNTERDON COIN CLUB (CM #18) ANNUAL SHOW. Hunterdon County Agricultural Building, Highway 31, Flemington, N.J.

October 21-23—M.A.N.A. 25th ANNUAL CONVENTION. Sheraton Inn, Washington-Northeast, in New Carrollton, Maryland.

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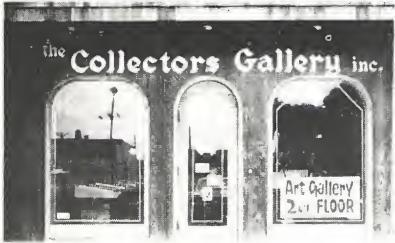
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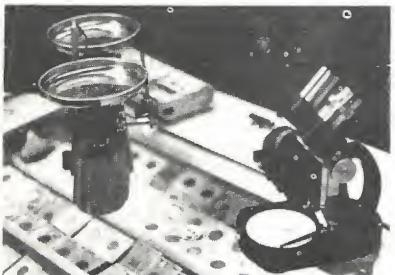
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